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Supervisor Cook's Neighborhood Speeding Initiative Kicks Off

Later this month, Fairfax County will launch the first installment of Supervisor Cook's Speeding Initiative which was previously passed and funded by the Board of Supervisors. The kickoff event will begin a public education campaign to curb neighborhood speeding in Fairfax County.

The initiative is comprised of a vigorous awareness campaign that will remind drivers to slow down in neighborhoods. The campaign will feature the slogan, "Slow Down: You live here. We live here." and will include community education events throughout the fall.

This effort began on June 19, 2012 with a board matter drafted by Supervisor Cook, and cosponsored by Supervisor Hyland and Supervisor McKay. After extensive review and analysis by county staff, a draft plan was presented to the Board on July 27, 2012. The Board approved the first phase of the plan last year through funding at carry over.

The robust campaign is a collaborative endeavor between Supervisor Cook's office, the Board of Supervisors, the County Office of Public Affairs, and the Fairfax County Police Department.



Supervisor Cook has served on Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 2009 and lives in Kings Park with his wife and children.



What are your thoughts on speeding in your neighborhood? Please participate in the [County-wide speeding survey](#).

Supervisor Cook visits with World War II Veterans

Recently, Supervisor John Cook joined Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne and World War II veterans at just the third meeting of the World War II Veterans' Association in Fairfax. Braddock resident Bill Sheads organized the group earlier this year.

"It is an honor to hear the experiences of these veterans," said Supervisor Cook. "They truly are the greatest generation."

The World War II Veterans' Association brings together veterans from around the area and provides an opportunity for them to discuss their service and experiences during World War II. At the meeting, veterans shared many experiences, including one who lived as a prisoner of war after his B-17 bomber was shot down and another veteran hit by a torpedo hit aboard the USS O'Brien destroyer.

The group meets once a month at the Green Acres Community Center.



If you know a World War II veteran who may be interested in attending a meeting, please email BVH_2@cox.net.

National Night Out



On August 5, Fairfax County and communities around the country celebrated National Night Out, with the goal of connecting neighbors and police officers in order to celebrate safe neighborhoods.

"This is an opportunity to connect communities to the police officers who serve in their areas," said Supervisor Cook. "By opening the lines of communication, we can all play a role in making our community a safe place to live."

This year, Supervisor Cook traveled Braddock District with Fairfax County Police Lieutenant Tim Field, who serves as the Assistant Commander of West Springfield District Station. Together they visited seven National Night Out events. Neighborhood safety is especially important to Supervisor Cook who has been a strong proponent of Neighborhood Watch programs and neighbors looking out for neighbors.

Supervisor Cook in the Community

On July 1st, Supervisor Cook hosted a reception in honor of the Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act before the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

On July 4th, Supervisor Cook took part in a number of Independence Day celebrations. He was honored to again take part in the annual July 4th City of Fairfax Parade. After, he went to Kings Park for a parade in his own neighborhood and a concert by the Kings Park Band. Later that evening he attended a concert by the City of Fairfax Band and watched fireworks with his family at Fairfax High School.

On July 7th, Supervisor Cook attended the first meeting of the newly formed Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley. This group is made up of citizen volunteers and will work with the Park Authority and other Friends Groups to help maintain the vital ecosystem in this section of Braddock.

On July 9th, Supervisor Cook, along with the Braddock District Council, hosted the annual Best of Braddock picnic and awards ceremony at Braddock Hall.

On July 10th, Supervisor Cook took a personalized tour of the construction progress on Campus Drive at George Mason University.

On July 11th, Supervisor Cook took part in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Kohl's department store in Burke.



On July 14th, Supervisor Cook was pleased to take part in a special event at the Kings Park Library which helped children learn about the environment. Supervisor Cook read a book to the kids and talked about the importance of recycling.

On July 19th, Supervisor Cook attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Wiehle-Reston East Metro Rail Station which is part of the newly opened Silver Line. Later that evening, he was honored to attend a special Scholarship Dinner hosted by the NAACP.



On July 22nd, Supervisor Cook attended a Ramadan tent event held at the Pinnacle Academy in Oakton.

On July 24th, Supervisor Cook joined the Insight Memory Care Center in Fairfax and to celebrate its 30th Anniversary.

On July 28th, Supervisor Cook attended and spoke at a meeting of the newly formed WWII Veteran's Association in Fairfax.

Bus Route Updates

With the opening of the Silver Line, the Fairfax Connector implemented changes to bus service in northern Fairfax County. Fairfax Connector



now serves the five new rail stations with 16 new routes, 28 existing routes were changed, and five routes were eliminated.

The [new Fairfax Connector service](#) provides the “first-mile/last-mile” connection for many passengers traveling between home-and-rail station, or rail station-and-workplace.

Included among the new routes are three new circulator routes in the Tysons area. [Routes 422, 423 and 424](#) provide frequent bus service in central Tysons to and from the

Tysons Corner, Greensboro and Spring Hill Metro stations. The three circulator routes will operate every 10 minutes during rush

hours and every 20 minutes during midday and evening time periods. Route 423 operates every 15 to 30 minutes on Saturday and Sunday.

Connector passengers who parked at the Sunset Hills Interim Park and Ride lot should be advised that the lot has closed permanently. The 600-space lot, located at the intersection of Sunset Hills Road and Town Center Parkway, offered temporary parking while the Wiehle station was under construction. For more information about commuter parking facilities, [visit the website](#).

Major Changes to Student Parking Policy Begin at NOVA

This fall there will be major changes to NOVA’s student parking policy in an effort to help with the problems associated with off-campus parking.

1. The price of the parking permit will be reduced from \$105.00 in-person and \$95.00 on-line to \$90.00 in-person and \$80.00 on-line.
2. Students can park free on all campuses after 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day on weekends.
3. A “Graduation Incentive” allows a graduating student to receive a return of their final semester paid parking permit fee.
4. A new Parking Infrastructure Support Fee of \$0.50 per-credit-hour fee will be paid

by all students to support maintenance and repair and construction for street, sidewalk, walkways, surface lots, and exterior lighting, signage, and safety improvements.

NOVA hopes that the incentive-based program that will go into effect during the Fall semester will make parking on-campus more convenient and affordable for its students and help with the problems

associated with off-campus parking. NOVA will continue to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

In order to make a comprehensive examination of parking issues college-wide, NOVA's President, Dr. Robert Templin, appointed a Parking Task Force this past September which included a representative from Supervisor Cook's office.

Route 29 Road Widening Project

This story originally ran in The Centreville Independent on August 4, 2014.

Fairfax County will add another lane to Route 29 from Shirley Gate Road to Legato Road in Fairfax as part of a \$14 million effort to help ease some of the traffic along that section of the road.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted July 29 to accept a \$6.5 million grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation to help defray costs for the project. The remaining funds will come from the county's tax funds and transportation bonds.

Workers will also install a sidewalk and water mains, and relocate the utility poles. Some work is already in progress—workers are already relocating utilities.

Fairfax County will award a contract for the widening project in March 2015.

Braddock Neighborhood News

Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16 which is available on most cable networks. Each month, Supervisor Cook invites topical guests on to share pertinent and informative items with the viewers.

One of the things that makes Fairfax County such an amazing place to live is its world class school system. Though, with a host of changing circumstances, the school system faces challenges. This month's show features Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza who just completed her first year with Fairfax County. Together she and Supervisor Cook discussed some of these challenges and how FCPS seeks to meet them.



The shows air throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5pm, Wednesdays at 7pm and Fridays at 5pm.

Land Use Update

Public Safety Headquarters. Fairfax County police have spent years in a building with leaking pipes, broken air conditioning and asbestos. Now, construction will begin this month on the County's new eight story headquarters for police officers and firefighters. The 274,000 square foot building, which will replace the 44-year old Massey Building, will rise up next to the Herrity Building on the site of a ball field. A special construction access will be built on Monument Drive which will necessitate the removal of multiple trees. The building will have environmentally friendly features and will be designed to maximize the natural light that reaches the interior to help reduce energy use. It will be a LEED Silver certified building, the County's 11th green building. The construction contract was awarded to Manhattan Construction Company and a ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for September 16. The facility will open in the fall of 2016.

Fairfax Center Comprehensive Plan. The Braddock District Task Force completed its review of staff alternatives for Land Bays T, U and V in the Fairfax Center Transition areas and made its own recommendations for consideration at a Public Hearing to be held by the Fairfax County Planning Commission on September 17. Particular attention was paid to Land Bays U-1 and V-2 for which alternative proposals had been made. A link to the detailed minutes of the July 28 meeting and the vote of the Task Force can be found [here](#).

Burke Junction. The applicant is currently revising its plans to incorporate proposed easement agreement with abutting property

owners on Zion Drive to share access onto Zion Drive and stormwater management controls. This project is now scheduled for public hearing on November 6.

Burke Junction. The applicant is currently working with adjoining neighbors to the north on a modification that would allow reciprocal easements. The first is a transportation easement, providing an entrance into the new community from Zion Drive that would align with Hilliard Lake Road. In return, the owners of Burke Junction are redesigning the project's stormwater controls to accommodate future development needs for these neighbors. The project is now scheduled for public hearing on November 6 to allow these issues to be resolved.

SD Homes (Twinbrook Road). A meeting was held on July 16 with the applicant and staff to discuss options for allowing this two house rezoning to proceed. The applicant will be asked to construct frontage improvements on Twinbrook Road and has been asked to look closely at the tree loss generated by the infrastructure requirements shown on the current plan. The public hearing for July 30 was delayed.

Garden World. The applicant made a second submittal to Department of Planning and Zoning staff with revisions and updates to its original plan. The current revision, which has been reviewed by VDOT, proposes a dedicated right turn lane onto Lee Highway from Forest Hill Drive based on a more detailed analysis of transportation movements in the area by transportation consultants, Gorove/Slade. A better

alignment with Ridge Top Road has also been designed. The submittal proposes additional recreation space, more dedicated guest parking and an increase in tree preservation. One entrance to the community has been eliminated except for emergency vehicles. A presentation to the Woodlands Retirement Community was held on July 16.

Mrs. Rati's Family Home Daycare (SE 2014-BR-039). A new Special Exception application has been received for review and analysis at 10639 John Ayres Drive. The applicant, K.C. Rati, requests permission to care for up to 12 children in her single family home. Home Child Care is allowed by right in single family homes for up to 7 children, and providers are licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia. However, to care for more than 7

children, the state has mandated that providers be compliant with all zoning regulations. In 2013, the Board revised its Child Care Ordinance to allow care for up to 12 children in a single family home, based on the size of the house and yard and on whether adequate parking and road access is available. Here is the [current ordinance](#). In most cases, such applications for Child Care are reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals. However, in "P" Districts (Planned Residential Districts) like Fairfax Club Estates, such applications are reviewed by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. To become compliant with the county's zoning regulations each provider must submit an application to the county. Currently, this applicant cares for 7 children.

Human Services Corner

Senior Scenario: Handyman Scams

Fairfax County's [Aging, Caregiver and Disability Resource Line](#) at **703-324-7948**, TTY 711, receives thousands of calls each year from residents seeking information on a wide range of services and recreational opportunities. While many callers just need a quick referral, some have difficult issues and benefit from a conversation with our professional human services workers.

The **Resource Line** received the following call about an all too familiar issue:

Handyman Scams.

The Call

Claire, a 78 year-old resident, called about a handyman who was pressuring her for home repair work. She had already hired him to repair her roof, replace gutters and remove a dead tree branch. So far, she has paid him \$12,000.

The problem was Claire thought the work was inadequate and incomplete. She told the Resource Line worker that it looked like he tried to repair instead of replace the gutters and that the removed branch left an unsightly



stump and was left on her driveway. She said she now doubted whether her roof actually needed repair.

When she complained to the handyman, he told her it would cost her more to complete the work to her satisfaction.

The Response

The Resource Line worker told Claire to always ask to see a door-to-door solicitor's business license. This is a Fairfax County requirement, and it is a misdemeanor to knock on doors and solicit work without one. Those who perform lawn care or hedge trimming do not need a license.

Claire was also told that Fairfax County detectives investigate these types of scams and that she should call the **Fairfax County Non-Emergency Police** line at 703-691-2131.

More on Door-to-Door Solicitors

According to the Fairfax County Police, handyman scammers stalk neighborhoods looking for older adults to scam. Apparently, they believe older adults are more trusting and reluctant to report being scammed because of embarrassment. Scammers often put on quite a show - parking trucks and equipment in the neighborhood to appear legitimate and then knocking on doors.

Other common chores that scammers offer include car dent removal, driveway paving, home improvement services, and tree and landscape work.

Find more information on [handling door-to-door solicitors](#).

Environmental Update

Braddock Resident Receives Park Authority Award

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board has named Diane Hoffman, former executive director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD), the 2014 recipient of the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award. The award, named for the late Sally B. Ormsby, a champion of stewardship issues in Fairfax County, recognizes individuals whose actions embody the spirit and values of stewardship and result in tangible benefits for the environment and the community. Hoffman and her husband are residents of Red Fox Forest. She currently serves on the Braddock

District Land Use and Environment Committee.

Hoffman has been instrumental in environmental conservation efforts in Fairfax County. Her service began in 1980, answering phones at the NVSWCD's front desk. Over the next three decades, she devoted herself to furthering the NVSWCD mission. As director, Hoffman refocused the district's attention from erosion and sediment pollution to storm water management. The result was the establishment of a partnership between NVSWCD and the Park Authority that

continues to flourish. Together, these agencies have worked to improve soil and water conservation in the area.

Hoffman has a unique ability to bring people together in the pursuit of environmental preservation and stewardship. Through her leadership, the County has been able to build and maintain multiple rain gardens, complete the mapping of nearly 30,000 acres of soil in the eastern part of the county, and install underground storm water storage locations. In addition, Hoffman forged relationships

among organizations. For example, through the Wakefield Park stream restoration project in Braddock District, Hoffman brought together five different groups: the Park Authority, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Dominion Power, the Supervisor's Office, and the Friends of Accotink Creek. She will receive the award at the Elly Doyle Park Services and Outstanding Volunteers Award ceremony in November 2014.

Community Connections

Events

Master Gardeners - Plant Clinic

Saturday, August 9

10:00 AM

Kings Park Library

Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension will host plant clinics each Saturday morning through the summer to answer your gardening questions.

Why Hiring Veterans Makes Cents

Tuesday, August 12

7:30 – 9:30 AM

Gannett Headquarters, Tysons Corner

There are several components needed to attract, onboard, integrate, develop and retain veteran hires. Join the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce to learn more about the return on investment and why hiring veterans is beneficial to your organization.

Sensory friendly showing of The Lego Movie

Tuesday, August 19

7:00 PM

Cinema Arts Theater - 9650 Main Street,

Fairfax VA 22031

The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia and The Washington Group Special Care Planning Team for a sensory friendly showing of The Lego Movie! Tickets are free, but RSVP is required! RSVP to - (703) 865-6502 or calford@financialguide.com

Aging in Place

Wednesday, August 20

7:30 PM

Braddock Supervisor's Office (attached to Kings Park Library) 9002 Burke Lake Road
Ken Plummer of FCPL will speak about access services for older adults and those with disability. Helen Ignatenko, head librarian at Kings Park will speak on the contributions of Kings Park and things that are provided to our residents. Bruce Wallachy will speak about Friends of Kings Park Library, what Friends have provided and what the resources support and the opportunities to contribute.

Information sessions on community integration of people with disabilities

Thursday, August 21

1:00 - 2:30 PM or 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Pennino Building

Know someone with an intellectual or developmental disability who lives in a Medicaid ID Waiver group home or nursing facility, or who lives with their parents and receives Medicaid ID or DD Waiver services and wants a more independent living opportunity? The new "Rental Choice VA" program may be able to help. To learn more, come to one of the information sessions. Individuals and families are invited to attend, and should RSVP to Jeannie Cummins.

Secure Document Shredding Event

Saturday, September 20

8:00 AM – Noon

Braddock District Government Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will be sponsoring a secure document shredding event in Braddock District. This event is only open to Fairfax County residents. Documents from businesses will not be accepted.

Residential materials of a sensitive nature such as tax documents, financial records, etc., are accepted (Please recycle junk mail and magazines through your normal collection service.) Each resident may bring up to five medium-sized packing boxes per vehicle. A full list of prohibited items and more information can be found [here](#).

60 Exciting Courses in Fairfax This Fall at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

If you have a passion for learning, 60 stimulating, diverse, exam-free daytime courses and special events, plus social and cultural activities, are in store for you this fall (Sept. 22 – Nov. 14) in Fairfax if you join the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University.

OLLI courses are created by members for members. For example, courses include "Ukraine Since the End of the Cold War," "The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright," "Cultures and Religions of the Middle East," "iPad for Beginners" and "Understanding the Inventions that Changed the World."

OLLI is an independent, thousand-member nonprofit founded in 1991 that offers mature adults in Northern Virginia a vast array of intellectual, social and cultural experiences throughout the year. Classes are held in Fairfax (4210 Roberts Road, between Braddock Road and Main Street, adjacent to the George Mason campus), Reston and Loudoun County.

You can sample two OLLI class sessions for free, if space is available. If you decide to become a member, there's a one-term rate of \$150, or a year of classes for \$375 that can be paid in monthly installments. The registration period for fall term classes runs from July 30 – Aug. 22. For more information, email olli@gmu.edu, or call **703-503-3384**.